

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031]        At the destination node, since it is necessary to merge all the received data packets forwarded through different LSPs to a data packet sequence according to the sequence numbers thereof, an LSP specially used to store the data packet sequence could be optionally set at the destination node, e.g. LSP<sub>c</sub>.

Suppose that the sequence number of the data packet to be merged to the LSP<sub>c</sub> is a variable Exp, the initial value of which is the starting value of the sequence numbers added to the data packets to be forwarded at the source node. Then the following Step 301 to Step 304 could be adopted to implement the data packet receiving and merging described in the above Step 103, which, as shown in Fig. 3, are as follows: